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1. The 48th Inf Regt is located at Jihlava (050/M51)* and has a strength of about 1,800 officers and men. The cover number of the regiment is VU 4425. The organization and disposition of the regiment is as follows:

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| Regt HQs | Jihlava, "big barracks on the square" (sic) |
| Regt Arty | Jihlava |
| 1st Battery: | 76 mm. self-propelled guns |
| 2nd Battery: | 120 mm. mortars |
| 3rd Battery: | 45 mm. anti-tank guns |
| Supply Administration - Quartermaster Service | Jihlava |
| HQs Co | Jihlava |
| Technical Co | Jihlava |
| Truck Platoon | |
| Signal Platoon | |
| Engineering Platoon | |
| Armoreders, ZBP (Special Warfare) | |
| 1st Inf Bn | Dacice (050/R68) |
| 2nd Inf Bn | Jihlava, Zizka Barracks |
| 3rd Inf Bn | Jihlava, Stefanik Barracks |
| Recon Co | Jihlava |
| Auxiliary Technical Bn | Jihlava |
| HKG Anti-aircraft Co | Jihlava |

2. Each infantry battalion is composed of five infantry companies. An infantry

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section consists of 12 men and is equipped with one LMG, two SMGs, and rifles. The Auxiliary Technical Bn consists of soldiers who are considered politically unreliable. Members of this unit have black facings on their uniforms. At present this unit is building officers' quarters in Jihlava. The NCO academy is located in Jemnice (050/ML2). The 3rd Inf Bn is supposed to be transferred to Jemnice soon.

3. The following is a list of some of the important officer personnel of the 43th Inf Regt:

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| Regt HQs | CO | : <u>Lt Col Jiri Komriva*</u> |
| | Deputy CO | : <u>Maj Karel Benes</u> |
| | Staff CO | : <u>Staff Capt fmu Tvaroch</u> |
| | Education Officer | : <u>Lt fmu Kovarik</u> |
| | DOZ Officer (Counter-Intelligence) | : <u>Staff Capt fmu Pfeferle</u> |
| | Sig Officer | : <u>Capt fmu Krizek</u> |
| | Engineering officer | : <u>Lt fmu Kopecky</u> |
| | ZBP (sic) Officer | : <u>Lt fmu Novotny</u> |
| | Armorer's Technical Officer | : <u>Staff Capt fmu Hasik</u> |
| HQs Co | CO | : <u>1st Lt fmu Gost</u> |
| Technical Co | Sig Platoon CO | : <u>Lt fmu Kinsky</u> |
| | Engineering Platoon CO | : <u>Lt fmu Lukele</u> |
| | ZBP Platoon CO | : <u>Lt fmu Novotny</u> |
| 1st Inf Bn | CO | : <u>Maj fmu Hora</u> |
| 2nd Inf Bn | CO | : <u>Maj fmu Urbanek</u> |
| 3rd Inf Bn | CO | : <u>Maj fmu Pospisil</u> |
| Other Officers | | : <u>1st Lt fmu Padera</u> |
| | | <u>Capt fmu David</u> |
| | | <u>1st Lt fmu Horkavy</u> |
| | | <u>Lt fmu Michalik</u> |
| | | <u>Lt fmu Polesny</u> |
| | | <u>Lt fmu Sural</u> |
| | | <u>Lt fmu Aubrecht</u> |
| | | <u>Lt fmu Vozenilek</u> |

4. The 43th Inf Regt is provided with the following equipment:

Arms : type 98 rifles (German make)
 type 43 SMGs (Czechoslovak make), code number 25, which
 have a folding metal gun stock, and code number 23,
 which have a wooden gun stock

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type 26 LMGs (Czechoslovak make)
type 26 HMGs (Czechoslovak make)
82 mm. mortars
45 mm. anti-tank guns (Soviet make)

Uniforms : type 45 training uniforms for winter and summer
type 45 Class "A" uniforms
new Czechoslovak-style helmets

Rolling stock : Praga RN 3-ton trucks
Aero 1½-ton trucks (each Inf Bn has five).

5. The clothing store for the 48th Inf Regt is in the large barracks in Jihlava; the arsenal is in Zizka barracks in Jihlava. The garrison ammunition dump (PS) is located at the training ground about five kilometers from Jihlava in the direction of Dacice. The dump consists of two round concrete bunkers about five meters in perimeter; the bunkers are built in a unit along with a guard house. The dump is guarded night and day by a guard unit consisting of one CO, one sergeant at arms and six men.

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* Comment. The 48th Infantry Regiment has previously been reported as located at Benesov (050/L95), CO Col. A. Hruza, as of the spring of 1951;

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